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SUBJ: REPORT ON FIRST MEETING OF THE 80TH SESSION OF THE AIR
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1. WORKING PAPERS 1161, 1156 AND 1157 WERE NOTED AND APPROVED.

2. WORKING PAPER 1158. THE KRENCH REP GAVE A BRIEF RUNDOWN OF
ERFA BACKGROUND RECOMMENDATION 2. HE THEN MADE IT QUITE CLEAR
HE DID NOT SHARE ANC PESSIMISM RE IMPLEMENTATION THIS RECOMMENDA-
TION. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT OFFER, AND NO OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER
OFFERED, ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTION FOR IMPLEMENTATION THE RECOM-
MENDATION. OTHER MEMBERS AGREED -- BELGIUM, MEXICO, NORWAY,
SPAIN -- THAT THE ANC NEGATIVISM WAS DISAPPOINTING. GERMANY AGREED
WITH THE ANC AND RECEIVED SOME SUPPORT FOR ITS VIEWS FROM IATA AND
UK. PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL VERY STRONGLY ASSERTED THAT RECOMMEN-
DATION 2 WAS TOTALLY UNREALISTIC AND THE SADDLING OF A RAN MEETING
WITH A COST BENEFIT STUDY WAS TOTALLY UNREAL AND PROBABLY REFLECT-
ED FACT THAT ERFA CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH
CONDUCT OF RAN MEETINGS. HE ALSO OPPOSED DOCUMENTING RECOMMEN-
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DATION 2 FOR ASSEMBLY ACTION AS SOME MEMBERS SUGGESTED BECAUSE

WOULD ONLY RESULT IN ASSEMBLY PASSING A RESOLUTION DIRECTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY ADDING TO THE WORK LOAD OF SECRETARIAT AND ICAO WORK PROGRAMME, CARRYING ON AD INFINITUM WITH NO TANGIBLE RESULTS.

3. GERMAN DELEGATE ASKED SPECIFICALLY HOW RECOMMENDATION 2 COULD BE IMPLEMENTED. THE SILENCE WAS DEAFENING.

4. AS MEETING WAS COMING TO CLOSE, USREP STATED THAT SHE WOULD OFFER A SUGGESTION FOR IMPLEMENTATION BUT SINCE IT WAS LENGTHY AND WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS UNLESS SEEN IN WRITING, SHE OFFERED TO SUBMIT AS A WORKING PAPER FOR 2ND MEETING FYI. THE INSTRUCTIONS ON RECOMMENDATION 2 (REFTEL) ARRIVED AT US MISSION AT 1400, ONE-HALF HOUR PRIOR TO MEETING. ICAO WORKING PAPER AT/WP 1158 WAS TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON AUG 27. US POSITION SHOULD HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE ON MORE TIMELY BASIS. ALSO IN THE FUTURE, INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITEMS REQUIRING ISSUANCE OF ICAO PAPER MUST RPT MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE SO THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION CAN BE INITIATED. END FYI.

5. AT 2ND MEETING OCT 2, THE CHAIRMAN STATED AT OUTSET THAT US PAPER ALTHOUGH REPRODUCED IN ENGLISH WAS NOT FORMALLY AVAILABLE IN THE OTHER THREE LANGUAGES AND PAPER COULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL WAY AT THIS MEETING. ACCORDINGLY PAPER WILL BE CONSIDERED FRIDAY OCT 5 MORNING MEETING. IN GENERAL, COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS ON US SUGGESTION, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, WERE LAUDATORY, AND ALTHOUGH SOME MEMBERS STATED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE SOME QUESTIONS LATER ON THE TEXT, THE OVERALL FEELING WAS ONE OF RELIEF, I.E., THAT SOMEONE WAS ABLE TO COME UP WITH A POSITIVE REASONABLE SUGGESTION FOR IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATION 2. FYI. IN VIEW ADAMENT OPPOSITION OF PRES COUNCIL TO RECOMMENDATION 2, USREP QUERIED HIM AFTER MEETING RE US PROPOSAL. HE IS ENTHUSIASTIC AND EXPECTS AT APPROPRIATE TIME TO OBTAIN ATC AIR NAV COMMISSION AND COUNCIL APPROVAL. SINCE PAPER PRECLUDES COST BENEFIT APPROACH AT RAN MEETINGS AND AT SAME TIME GIVES EXPRESSION TO THE INTENT OF RECOMMENDATION 2, HE SEES THIS PROPOSAL AS VERY ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE THIS IMPASSE. END FYI.

7. THE COMPLIMENTS ON THIS PAPER ALTHOUGH ADDRESSED TO US COMMITTEE MEMBER REALLY BELONG TO THE IGIA WORKING GROUP
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MEMBERS WHO DRAFTED THIS INSTRUCTION. THEREFORE, I WASH TO ADD OUR APPRECIATION FOR WELL-THOUGHT OUT AND CONSTRUCTIVE PAPER ON MOST DIFFICULT MATTER.
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